

Mustangs raise money for fellow shipmates

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The USS Abraham Lincoln Mustang Association donated \$720 to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society at 10 a.m. April 26 to help Sailors and their families through unexpected financial difficulties.

The Mustang Association has been raising money for NMCRS since 1989, donating \$720 each year for a total of \$8,640 said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Erickson, the ship's aircraft handling officer.

Approximately 60 officers, all of who were enlisted personnel before receiving their commissions, make up the Abraham Lincoln Mustang Association. They make money through fund-raisers, such as merchandise sales in foreign

ports. That money goes toward donations such as the NMCRS donation and 72 holiday baskets for Lincoln families during the holidays. "This is an honor for me because Navy Relief has been helping our Sailors," said Lt. Lucky Moises, the ship's fire marshal.

Erickson was a first class aviation boatswain's mate before he was commissioned to ensign in 1986 through the limited duty officer program and now has 24 years in service. Moises is a prior-enlisted interior communications chief. He was commissioned to ensign in 1994. Erickson said with a laugh that he won't quit the Mustang Association until his wife says he has to.

The Navy Marine Corps



Lt. Cmdr. Paul Erickson and Lt. Lucky Moises donated the annual \$720 gift from the Abraham Lincoln Mustang Association to the Naval Station Everett Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society in support of the society's efforts to help Sailors who need financial assistance. (Photo by USS Abraham Lincoln Photo Lab)

Relief Society is a volunteer-based organization helping Sailors since 1904. They have 250 offices ashore and afloat.

The crew and families of USS Abraham Lincoln have donated \$38,085 so far this year. In 2000, Abraham Lincoln Sailors and their

families received a total of \$202,547 in loans and grants. Almost half of the donations received by the Everett NMCRS come from Lincoln Sailors and families, said Dan Odenburg, director of the Everett NMCRS. "They are a generous group of people," he said.

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Abraham Lincoln Wardroom Mess Management Specialists and the commanding officer were invited by the Bon Marché of Seattle to attend a session on fine tableware with Isabelle Von Boch of the Villeroy & Boch Ceramic Company May 6, 2001. Capt. D. K. Dupouy presented Boch with a Certificate of Appreciation for not only providing the training but also inviting the Abe Sailors to attend. (Photo by JO3 Jason Tross)



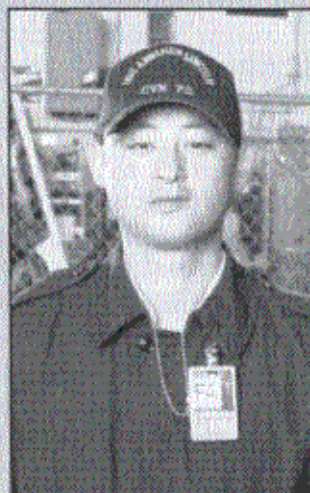
Spotlight Sailor

Born in Kwang-Ju,
South Korea
Moved to U.S. in 1985
Age: 28

Reason for joining
Navy:
"Fulfill dream of becoming
a firefighter."

Time on board:
"Since October 1999."

Looking forward to:
"The results of the E-4
exam."



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